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**S. 2625**

To permit the payment of rewards for information concerning terrorist acts.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 2 (legislative day, APRIL 30), 1984

Mr. THURMOND (for himself and Mr. DENTON) (by request) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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**A BILL**

To permit the payment of rewards for information concerning  
terrorist acts.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 SHORT TITLE

4 SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as the "Act for Re-  
5 wards for Information Concerning Terrorist Acts".

6 SEC. 2. (a) Title 18 of the United States Code is amend-  
7 ed by adding the following new chapter after chapter 203:

8 "CHAPTER 204—REWARDS FOR INFORMATION  
9 CONCERNING TERRORIST ACTS

"Sec. 3071. Information for which rewards authorized; maximum amount.

"Sec. 3072. Determination of entitlement; consultation; Presidential approval; conclusiveness.

3073. Aliens; waiver of admission requirements.  
3074. Hearings; rules and regulations.  
3075. Protection of identity.  
3076. Exception of governmental officials.  
3077. Authorization for appropriations.  
3078. Eligibility for witness security program.  
3079. Definitions.

1 **“§ 3071. Information for which rewards authorized; maxi-**  
2 **mum amount**

3 “Any individual who furnishes information—

4 “(a) leading to the arrest or conviction, in any  
5 country, of any individual or individuals for the com-  
6 mission of an act of terrorism against a United States  
7 person or United States property; or

8 “(b) leading to the arrest or conviction, in any  
9 country, of any individual or individuals for conspiring  
10 or attempting to commit an act of terrorism against a  
11 United States person or property; or

12 “(c) leading to the prevention, frustration, or fa-  
13 vorable resolution of an act of terrorism against a  
14 United States person or property.

15 may be rewarded in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.

16 **“§ 3072. Determination of entitlement; consultation; Presi-**  
17 **dental approval; conclusiveness**

18 “The Attorney General shall with respect to acts of ter-  
19 rorism primarily within the territorial jurisdiction of the  
20 United States, and the Secretary of State shall with respect  
21 to acts of terrorism primarily outside the territorial jurisdic-  
22 tion of the United States, determine whether an individual

1 furnishing information pursuant to section 3071 is entitled to  
2 a reward and the amount to be paid. Before making a reward  
3 under this chapter in a matter over which there is Federal  
4 criminal jurisdiction, the Secretary of State shall advise and  
5 consult with the Attorney General. A reward of \$100,000 or  
6 more may not be made without the approval of the President  
7 or his designee. A determination made by the Attorney Gen-  
8 eral, the Secretary of State, or the President under this chap-  
9 ter shall be final and conclusive and no court shall have  
10 power or jurisdiction to review it.

11 **“§ 3073. Aliens; waiver of admission requirements**

12 “If the information which would justify a reward under  
13 this chapter is furnished by an alien, the Attorney General,  
14 after consulting with the Secretary of State, may determine  
15 that the entry of such alien into the United States is in the  
16 public interest and, in that event, such alien and the members  
17 of his immediate family may receive immigrant visas and may  
18 be admitted to the United States for permanent residence,  
19 notwithstanding the requirements of the Immigration and  
20 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.).

21 **“§ 3074. Hearings; rules and regulations**

22 “The Attorney General and the Secretary of State, re-  
23 spectively, are authorized to hold such hearings and make,  
24 promulgate, issue, rescind, and amend such rules and regula-  
25 tions as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this

1 chapter. The provisions of subchapter II, chapter 5, of title 5,  
2 United States Code, do not apply to this chapter.

3 **“§ 3075. Protection of identity**

4 “Any reward granted under this chapter shall be certi-  
5 fied by the Attorney General or the Secretary of State, re-  
6 spectively. If it is determined that the identity of the recipient  
7 of a reward or of the members of the recipient’s immediate  
8 family must be protected, the Attorney General or the Secre-  
9 tary of State, respectively, may take such measures in con-  
10 nection with the payment of the reward as deemed necessary  
11 to effect such protection.

12 **“§ 3076. Authorization for appropriations**

13 “Such sums as necessary are authorized to be appropri-  
14 ated for the purpose of this chapter.

15 **“§ 3077. Exception of governmental officials**

16 “No officer or employee of any governmental entity  
17 who, while in the performance of his official duties, furnishes  
18 the information described in section 3071 shall be eligible for  
19 any monetary reward under this chapter.

20 **“§ 3078. Eligibility for witness security program**

21 “Any individual who furnishes information which would  
22 justify a reward under this chapter and his immediate family  
23 may, in the discretion of the Attorney General, participate in  
24 the Attorney General’s witness security program authorized  
25 under title V of the Organized Crime Control Act of 1970.

1   **“§ 3079. Definitions**

2       “As used in this chapter, the term—

3       “(a) ‘act of terrorism’ means an activity that—

4           “(1) involves a violent act or an act dangerous to  
5       human life that is a violation of the criminal laws of  
6       the United States or of any State, or that would be a  
7       criminal violation if committed within the jurisdiction of  
8       the United States or of any State; and

9           “(2) appears to be intended—

10           “(A) to intimidate or coerce a civilian popu-  
11       lation;

12           “(B) to influence the policy of a government  
13       by intimidation or coercion; or

14           “(C) to affect the conduct of a government  
15       by assassination or kidnaping.

16       “(b) ‘United States person’ means—

17           “(1) a national of the United States as defined in  
18       section 101(a)(22) of the Immigration and Nationality  
19       Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(22));

20           “(2) an alien lawfully admitted for permanent resi-  
21       dence in the United States as defined in section  
22       101(a)(20) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8  
23       U.S.C. 1101(a)(20));

24           “(3) any person within the United States;

25           “(4) any employee or contractor of the United  
26       States Government, regardless of nationality, who is

1 the victim or intended victim of an act of terrorism by  
2 virtue of that employment;

3 “(5) a sole proprietorship, partnership, company,  
4 or association composed principally of nationals or per-  
5 manent resident aliens of the United States; and

6 “(6) a corporation organized under the laws of the  
7 United States, any State, the District of Columbia, or  
8 any territory or possession of the United States and a  
9 foreign subsidiary of such corporation.

10 “(c) ‘United States property’ means any real or personal  
11 property which is within the United States or, if outside the  
12 United States, the actual or beneficial ownership of which  
13 rests in a United States person or any Federal or State gov-  
14 ernmental entity of the United States.

15 “(d) ‘United States’—

16 “(1) when used in a geographical sense, includes  
17 Puerto Rico and all territories and possessions of the  
18 United States; and

19 “(2) when used in the context of section 3073  
20 shall have the meaning given to it in the Immigration  
21 and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.).

22 “(e) ‘State’ includes any State of the United States, the  
23 District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and  
24 any other possession or territory of the United States.

1       “(f) ‘government entity’ includes the Government of the  
2 United States, any State or political subdivision thereof, any  
3 foreign country, and any state, provincial, municipal, or other  
4 political subdivision of a foreign country.

5       “(g) ‘Attorney General’ means the Attorney General of  
6 the United States or that official designated by the Attorney  
7 General to perform his responsibilities under this chapter.

8       “(h) ‘Secretary of State’ means the Secretary of State  
9 or that official designated by the Secretary of State to per-  
10 form his responsibilities under this chapter.”.

11       (b) The chapter analysis of part II of title 18, United  
12 States Code, is amended by adding after the item relating to  
13 chapter 203 the following new item:

“204. Rewards for information concerning terrorists acts ..... 3071”.

